

# The regional nuclear EP&R roundtable in Ukraine: ideas and preparatory activities

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# Recent Ukrainian developments

- Tense societal situation
- Serious economic challenges
- High security risks (violence in Eastern Ukraine)
- Changes in public authorities:
  - New Government (working for 3 months),
  - New President (inaugurated on June 7)
    - period of transformation/uncertainty: changes in the PAs' structure and among top and middle-level officials
    - unclear priorities for the transition period
    - declared openness to public in the Government and Parliament
    - full signing of the Association Agreement with the EU is expected this month



# Impact on EP&R RT preparation

- The “wait and see” period – harder to plan (especially where public authorities are involved)
- Changes among top officials – negotiations with new appointees

Yet,

- A window of opportunity to press for policy change
- Increased interest in public participation (and the determination of the public to defend this right)
- Renewed public interest in security issues (incl. threats to NPP operation from extremists, evacuation of people, etc.)



# Ukraine's EP&R RT Blueprint

Bringing various stakeholders - at least 70 participants

Suggested foreign participants:

- NTW Board and EP&R WG representatives
- NGO experts from the neighbouring countries (Belarus, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic)
- Representatives of regulators/other EP&R responsible authorities from the neighbouring countries (to be negotiated /organized via regulators' cooperation schemes)
- Representatives of the EU Delegation in Ukraine and other interested international organizations, embassies, etc.



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## Ukrainian participants:

Interested NGOs, researchers, media + representatives of the following:

- State Inspectorate for Nuclear Regulation
- National Security and Defence Council
- State Emergency Service
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Health
- State Sanitary and Epidemiology Service
- EP Department of Energoatom (operator)
- EP&R Departments of NPPs
- Regional/local administrations
- Local self-governance bodies from communities close to nuclear sites



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1<sup>st</sup> day – EP&R issues

## **Preliminary agenda:**

### **Introductory session**

- Presentation of NTW and EP&R WG work
- Overview of the state of nuclear EP&R in EU member-states

### **Regional session**

- Snap-shots of the state of nuclear EP&R in the countries of the region, incl. challenges and good practices (views from NGOs and officials, if any)
- Trans-border issues of EP&R

### **Ukraine's in-depth session**

- Different stakeholders' presentations on the issues of their competence



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2<sup>nd</sup> day – focus on public information provision

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## European/Regional session

- ❑ ACN/NTW work to promote public participation in nuclear in the context of Aarhus and Espoo Conventions
- ❑ Good practices of public information provision, incl. in EP&R context (an ANCCLI representative)
- ❑ Regional experience (NGO participants)

## Ukrainian session

- ❑ An overview of the current situation: different stakeholders' perspectives
- ❑ Discussion on what to be done: necessary changes in legislation and practice
- ❑ How to build a Ukrainian nuclear information commissions system



# Financial issues

The cost of the event starting from 10000 EUR  
(depending on the number of foreign participants whose travel/stay to be funded and the venue)

## Fundraising

(submitting a project proposal within the MAMA-86 application for the 3-year core support grant from SIDA)

## Negotiating

(with the SINR and Energoatom/Ukrainian Nuclear Forum for their possible in-kind contribution)





# MAMA-86 project on nuclear information provision system

- A scrutiny of the Ukrainian legislation and its implementation, incl.
  - examining emergency communication plans and public awareness-raising programs;
  - public opinion survey in a community close to a NPP on the awareness of EP&R measures and sufficiency of the available information, etc.;
- Comparison with the EU legislation and good practices
- A national/local multi-stakeholder dialogue to discuss the state of affairs and promote the creation of the national system of nuclear information units (CLIs);
- Drafting and advocating necessary legislative changes
- Pilot project on nuclear information unit establishment
- Methodological and other support of the network of nuclear information units



**Thank you for your attention!**  
**Looking forward to see you in Kyiv**

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